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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 29 July 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
Col. Geary

[redacted]
Mr. Cunningham

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Mr. Reber

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1. Overage U-2 Components - [redacted] discussed some correspondence that had transpired among Detachment B, the Depot, Lockheed and Headquarters over a complaint raised by [redacted] at B on the use of overage U-2 components. [redacted] stated that he believed that all concerned parties had coordinated their respective interests and that no further problem existed.

ACTION: Completed

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2. EAFB Test Schedule - Mr. Bissell discussed the recommendations made by [redacted] based on [redacted] survey of the Edwards test situation, and stated that he agreed with these recommendations as stated in [redacted]. It was decided that two U-2's would be kept ready at all times for operational deployment within 48 hours.

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Mr. Bissell noted that he thought we should not send any further U-2's to FOG in the near future but might be able to see our way clear to do so later. It was noted that we now have six U-2's at EAFB and seven in the field at Detachments B and C, with one more scheduled to go from EAFB to Detachment B soon.

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Mr. Bissell requested [redacted] to review and bring up to date [redacted] proposed test schedule.

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4. Headquarters T/O - Mr. Cunningham stated that the latest revision of the DPS Table of Organization was ready to be presented to Colonel White. [Note: The T/O was presented to Col. White and approved on 30 July 1958.]

ACTION: Completed

5. War Risk Insurance for Contractor Personnel - Mr. Cunningham reported on a meeting that he had had with the Benefits and Casualty Division of CIA. He noted that war risk insurance was available from private insurers but that the premiums would be staggering. However, it developed that there are potentially two ways in which the desired end may be accomplished without an initial outlay of large sums of cash:

a. The Agency may in effect undertake self-insurance under PL-110, paragraph 10.b. Under this plan, the Agency would insure contractors in the amount of \$25,000 for death or disability resulting from an act of war or invasion. This method raises the knotty problem of whether or not money must be set aside in the DPS budget to cover the maximum amount for which the Agency could become liable (i.e., in our case \$25,000 for each contractor employee).

b. A second possible method is to certify to the Bureau of Employees Compensation in the case of death or disability resulting from war or invasion that those contractor employees affected were actually employees of the United States Government. By this method contractors would be extended the same benefits normally granted to Government employees. The difficulty with this method is a matter of security since it is likely that sooner or later some contractor employee's next of kin would reveal that he/she was receiving checks from the United States Government.

In connection with method (a) above, Mr. Bissell noted that if this method is undertaken, he would wish to assure that it was effective for

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(1) only certain limited periods which would be declared by the Agency, and (2) for war risk type items only.

Mr. Bissell requested that a staff paper be prepared on this subject for presentation to the Director for approval.

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ACTION: Mr. Cunningham, [] SUSPENSE: 5 August

6. C-54 Utilization at Detachment B - A cable sent by Mr. Cunningham on this subject to Detachment B had not been answered at the time of the staff meeting.

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7. Availability of Personnel Other Than Contractors - A list showing generally the availability of Agency civilian and military personnel had been drawn up by [] at the request of Mr. Bissell. It shows in general that there are no major problems concerning availability of these types of personnel. The complete detailed paper is to be forwarded to Mr. Bissell.

ACTION: Completed

8. Support for Project 461-L - There was no discussion of this subject since Project 461-L had turned out to be operationally unsuccessful.

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ACTION: Completed

9. Current Estimate of Soviet Interceptor Capability - [] briefly described a short paper he had prepared summarizing the latest views of ATIC and CIA/OSI on Soviet interceptor capability. He had requested ATIC to prepare a specific report on the vulnerability of the U-2 through calendar year 1959. This report had not yet been received.

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10. Operation [] reported that the Navy would come in shortly with a recommendation on Operation [] as a result of their review of requirements.

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It was generally agreed that [] in connection with U-2 flights was not necessary.

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11. Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting in Cambridge 31 July -
Mr. Bissell discussed very briefly his hope of receiving at the panel meeting on 31 July at least the preliminary views of the participants on a successor vehicle. Mr. Bissell noted in this connection that he would be out of the city until Monday, 4 August, at 1300 hours.

12. Sanitization of "T" Material for Navy Strike Pilot Briefing -
Mr. Bissell stated that he thought a letter should be sent to Admiral Burke in the near future explaining in some detail the problems inherent in releasing to the Navy strike pilots sanitized "T" material. The letter should then request if Admiral Burke still wanted to pursue this subject in light of the facts explained in the letter. Mr. Bissell further recommended that Messrs. Reber, [] should meet with him on this subject the first part of the week of 4 August prior to his taking the matter up with General Cabell.

ACTION: Mr. Reber, [] SUSPENSE: 4 August



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

REFERENCE : Memorandum dated 30 July 1958, Subject: U-2 Accidents

1. After careful study of facts contained in [] 2080 (IN 43985) and consideration of messages concerning inspection of oxygen servicing trailers [] 0891 (OUT 80823)) and pre-flight precautions [] 0813 (OUT 80691)) it is not deemed necessary to furnish [] further information since a confused state still exists as to actual cause factor.

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2. As indicated by [] all reasonable safety precautions have been taken, and any subsequent action deemed necessary will be taken by [] as requested by [] 0988 (OUT 80981).

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3. Information from [], 31 July, is to the effect that he and [] are preparing information and mod kits, if necessary, on all aircraft defects brought to light by the investigation of the two FOG crashes. [] will follow up with more fixes as they become known.

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